

# FAIRNESS TO HAMILTON CAMPAIGN SUB-COMMITTEE

Report 15-001 Thursday, March 12, 2015 10:00 a.m. Room 264, Hamilton City Hall

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger (Chair), Councillors S. Merulla (Vice Chair),

T. Whitehead, D. Conley, J. Partridge

# THE FAIRNESS TO HAMILTON CAMPAIGN PRESENTED REPORT 15-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDED:

- 1. Appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair (Item 1)
  - (i) That Mayor Eisenberger be appointed Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council.
  - (ii) That Councillor Merulla be appointed Vice Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council.
- 2. Renaming of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee and the approval of priority items for government relations advocacy efforts (CM15003) (City Wide)) (Item 7.1)
  - (a) That the name of the Fairness to Hamilton Sub-Committee be changed to the Government Relations Sub-Committee;
  - (b) That the Terms of Reference, *as amended*, and attached as Appendix A to Report CM15003 as Appendix A be adopted;
  - (c) That the following priorities be identified as areas of government relations advocacy efforts:
    - (i) Infrastructure
    - (ii) Transportation
    - (iii) Housing

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- (iv) US Steel bankruptcy process
- (v) Other areas which may also require attention include, but are not limited to, addressing the additional social services and housing responsibilities managed by the City of Hamilton, poverty, additional revenue tools for municipalities and economic development opportunities;
- (d) That on a more regular basis (yearly) Council may debate and approve a list of municipal priorities for discussions with both levels of government;
- (e) That a Government Relations Strategy be developed by staff.
- 3. That staff be directed to report back to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee with a revised list of Official Advisors from throughout the City of Hamilton.

#### FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (Item 1)

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 1.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

- (c) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)
  - (i) January 21, 2013 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of January 21, 2013 were approved as presented.

- (d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)
  - (i) Renaming of the Fairness to Hamilton Sub-Committee and the approval of priority items for government relations advocacy efforts (CM15003) (City Wide))

For disposition on this matter, refer to Items 2 and 3.

# (e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

There being no further business the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair

Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee

Loren Kolar Legislative Co-ordinator Office of the City Clerk

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### Introduction:

The Social Services Downloading Steering Committee was established by Council at its meeting held on September 28, 2005. The name was changed to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign by a Committee of the Whole resolution on April 24, 2007.

Subsequently, the name of the Fairness to Hamilton sub-committee was changed to the Government Relations sub-committee on *[Month/Day/2015]*.

## Objectives:

The Government Relations sub-committee will outline the priorities that the City wishes to advocate to the Provincial and Federal governments.

As needed, the committee will develop proactive campaigns to inform the public and the Provincial and Federal Governments on the needs of the City.

#### Membership:

- Mayor Fred Eisenberger
- Councillor Sam Merulla
- Councillor Judi Partridge
- Councillor Doug Conley
- Councillor Terry Whitehead

Membership to also include Official Advisors from the community, who will act as resources to the committee, without voting privileges.

Official Advisors to the Government Relations Committee can come from the following list, but is not limited to the following groups:

- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (and its entire affiliated local Chambers which includes the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, and the Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce)
- Roundtable for Poverty Reduction
- Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
- Other Transit/Transportation and Social Service organizations
- Educational, post-secondary, healthcare and other institutional sectors

### Meetings:

Meetings to be held on a monthly basis.

#### Secretariat:

Legislative services shall be provided by the City of Hamilton Clerk's Division.

### **Voting and Attendance:**

For purposes of voting, majority means more than half of the Steering Committee members present and voting.

A quorum for the purposes of voting shall be 50% plus one (1) of the Sub-Committee members.

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